Remarks / Arguments

Claims 1-9, 11-16, and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 10 and 17-21 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 11-16, and 22 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

This amendment is being made to bring the claims closer to the usual US form, for the purpose of facilitating prosecution in the US PTO.

In view of the above amendments, the claims of this application are deemed to be of a form which is amenable to prosecution. Examination is accordingly requested.

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